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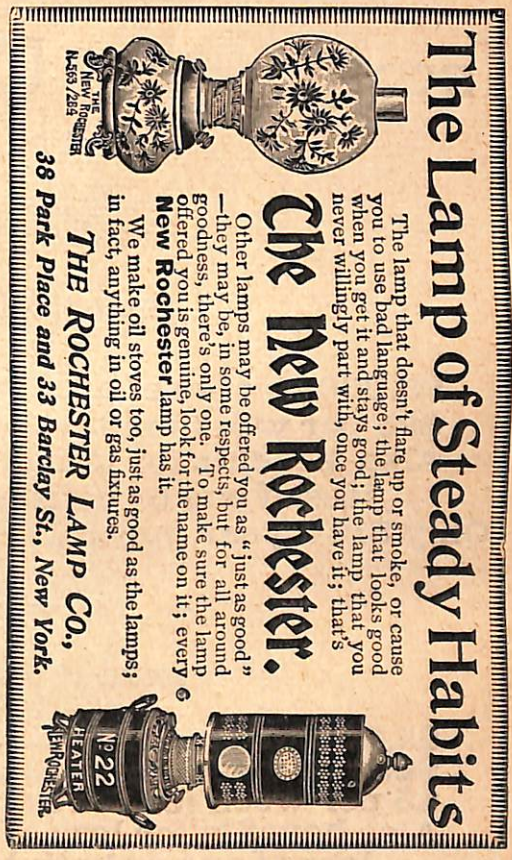
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HON. E. S. CHILDS.

The above is the life-like portrait of another member of El Kahir Temple who has passed within the black tent of death and his name stands enrolled upon El Kahir's "book of the dead." E. S. Childs died March 24, 1901. He was well known in Masonic and Shrine circles, and was one of the representatives at the Imperial Council of 1895. His home was in Waterloo. We speak for all El Kahir in conveying our word of sympathy.

THE PASSING LINE.

How we stand to-day like one who looks at a long procession moving into the misty space beyond vision—men whom we knew a decade ago are now asleep—gone within the vail to rest finally. How it reminds us of the importance of life and of the imminence of our own call to "fall out" of the passing line. What a company of well known and devoted Masons have gone by in the passing line in the year just gone!

Among the Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Texas is considering the proposition to remove headquarters from Houston, so says the Texas Freemason.

TRUE MASONRY.

In the Grand Lodge of Louisiana the fact was announced that a little Masonic girl wanted to go to school, but was unable to do so for want of money. She got the needful in a few moments. And she wrote: "....No one can tell how grateful and proud I feel for the good Masons to help me. I shall do my best." Let your handkerchiefs remain in your pockets. The gladness you feel, my brother, that our Louisiana brethren did a nice thing may prompt you to do something nice.—*Masonic Home Journal.*

The health of the venerable Grand Secretary of Iowa, Theodore S. Parvin, has been rather poor through the winter, but his friends hope for improvement as the spring warmth comes on.

We have been publishing continuously, the dates of Grand Custodian VanSaun's well conducted schools in Iowa and we have many readers who say they were able to get to one or more through our information.

The news from the lodges gives very encouraging color to the belief that the craft is busily engaged in the quarries and the increase more rapid than ever.

MASONIC SCHOOL FOR STUDY.

Cedar Rapids has the greatest Masonic library in the world. Within the recent past, under the leadership of Brother Joseph Morcombe, a regular "Correspondence School" for Masonic study has grown up in the Temple, and from the attention it is attracting as well as the learned papers presented it has only commenced its career of usefulness. Ere long the famous British lodge with the unpronounceable name will not be the only source of ancient lore.

"THE SHIBBOLETH."

Though we have received no notice of the fact, nor request to announce the same, yet we take pleasure in announcing that Brother Bun F. Price, 33 Madison street, Memphis, Tenn., will publish *The Shibboleth*, a Masonic journal at $1 per year, and we heartily commend it to the notice of our readers everywhere.

Brother Wm. H. Smythe has resigned as Grand Secretary of Indiana. Brother Calvin W. Prather has been appointed to fill out the term.

WHAT A TIME.

A "congress of Grand Lecturers" is the dream of some of the worthy brethren who hope to establish uniform Masonic work throughout the United States. We fear that such a convention would only accentuate the differences that now exist. But it would be vastly entertaining.—*Masonic Standard.*

Down in St. Louis they have a lodge that excludes visitors from the regular communications. My! Do they wear dress suits?

Corydon has work ahead, one elected last regular and four good petitions presented the same night. So says Brother E. L. Hart, Jr.

The Royal Arch.

We regret exceedingly not having more news from this department of Masonic labor from time to time; but while we are compelled to do other active work for bread we can only give out what we receive.

Burlington is reported as prosperous by Companion J. H. Pettibone with whom a short visit was enjoyed lately.

From Companion E. L. Hart, Jr., H. P. of Corydon Chapter No. 124, R. A. M. comes the cheerful tidings that they have a team on the way. At their last convocation they evidenced their comfortable situation by presenting the "blue" lodge with $60.00 and remitted all dues for 1901.

WE TOO DISSENT.

We dissent from the decision of Past Grand High Priest Dinsmore, of Nebraska, in his ruling that a member dimitted from Lodge after six months from date of dimit stands suspended in Chapter, notwithstanding he repeatedly petitioned for membership, and was as often rejected. Surely the case is one of involuntary non-affiliation and should not be construed to deprive him of membership in Chapter or Commandery.—*Constellation.*

The Council.

WE HOPE NOT.

A request will doubtless be made to the Grand Encampment next year (this?) requiring the Council Degrees as a prerequisite for Templar Orders —*Masonic News.*

The movement to establish a Council in Cedar Rapids is resting on the suspicion of a few suspicious Companions who fear that it is a scheme to advance someone else than themselves. It was intended to save us all money. We ring off.

Commanderies.

TEMPLAR PARK IMPROVEMENT.

From a pleasant visit in the home of P. G. C. Sir J. H. Pettibone, of Burlington, we gather that with his usual sanguine belief that the Sir Knights of Iowa will not let the plans fail now, there is to be added to the sightly improvements already there a beautiful pavilion which will combine ornament and usefulness. Every Commandery wants a share in this work as it is to be an improvement of our Iowa Templar summer home.

ARE YOU GOING TO LOUISVILLE?

If so watch our columns as we are advertising the routes leading that way, and we have word from Louisville that they are going to outdo all doings of the kind in the past. Genuine southern hospitality is to be extended to all whogo. It will be an act of wisdom to get ready in time.

Besides the "city on wheels," consisting of the parking of the chartered sleeping cars during the coming triennial in Louisville, Kentucky, there will be a "tented city," composed of some 600 tents in Fountain Ferry park, with a capacity of housing between 6000 and 7000 persons.—*Texas Freemason.*

WELL, WELL!

The *Toronto Freemason* thinks that, "American Templars are slowly but surely coming to the opinion that candidates for the Commandery must in the near future be taken direct from the blue lodge."

Patmos, No. 27, has had eight petitions for the orders within the past month and the end is not yet.

The Scottish Rite.

WE HOPE TO BE THERE.

1801. 1901.

From the east of Oriental Consistory S. P. R. S. 32° and co-ordinate bodies, Valley of Chicago, Orient of Illinois, U. S. A., February 21, 1901. Ill. Brother: We have the honor and pleasure to invite you to be present at and participate in the ceremonies attending the Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, 33° that are to be held in our Preceptory in Masonic Temple, April 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1901. FREDERIC MASON RAMSAY, 33°,
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Commander in Chief.

We are always kept posted on the doings of the Rite in the Valley of Buffalo, for Ill. Brother Chas. E. Markham, like Gil Barnard of Chicago, keeps sending us things continually. Many thanks.

We hear it reported that a reunion was held in Des Moines, last month. We understand the same as to Davenport.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Davenport, June 4, 1901.

W. L. EATON.....Osage.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
General Grand (U. S.,) Cincinnati, Sept. 25th, 1900.
Iowa. Grand, Davenport, 1901.
N. B. HYATT.....Webster City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.
General Grand (U. S.,)
Iowa, Grand Council, Davenport, Sept., 1901.
A. R. DEWEY.....Washington.....M. P. G. M.
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1901.
D. M. BROWNLEE...Sioux City..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1901, Detroit.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1901, Sioux City.
FREDA OPPENHEIMER Webster City GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Kansas City, Mo., June 11, 1901.
LOU B WINSOR...Reed City, Mich....IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
B. M. CLEVELAND.....Waterloo.....POTENTATE
John Wesley Geiger.....Cedar Rapids.....Recorder

MEETINGS AT HOME:

April 26	July 26	October 25
May 24	August 23	November 22
June 8, Kansas City trip	September 27	December 11

And still we're here.

We appreciate being alive.

So must Thad Beecher, of Bridgeport, of the "13 society."

Next to Tom J. Bishop, of Green Bush Heights, N. Y., we always look for Thad at the national gatherings, we go to.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend the Masonic Reception at Washington, Iowa, April 2, 1901—the seventeenth anniversary. Other duties prevented.

Tom has one on us now about a prayer offered out in the Nebraska legislature. Why, Tom, the parson failed to wring any response—even the deadlock is on yet.

Whoever watches the trend of public sentiment can rest assured that while mankind in war is likely to be guilty of excesses, that wherever Masonry has thriven undisturbed, for many evident reasons it is less likely to reek with the horrors of such cruelty as we are reading of daily from lands where ignorance is the servant of tyranny.

THE WABASH FOR BUFFALO.

For years we've "sworn by" Jake Halderman, the most popular traveling passenger agent on the road, and what his company promises we've always found them exhausting all their powers to fulfill. They are offering exceptional advantages for the "Pan-American" and as well to the various fraternal assemblies that meet over "Buffalo way."

MASONIC PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Once again our proposition of a few years ago to get a meeting of Masonic editors is afloat, this time credited by the *Texas Freemason* to the *Palestine Bulletin* and by that pungent Brother Heel called "a sentimental idea." If any of the guild will tell us where they expect to hang out at Louisville, Kentucky, we will show our Texas Brother how we will get there without wings and we believe it would be a benefit to us personally to be with the unselfish editorial staff of the craft for a day, if never more.

The Mystic Shrine.

IMPERIAL LOU COMING HOME.

"The Camels are coming" shows up all along the line from Portland, Oregon, to the Flour City. Among them all Zuhrah, so near us, is to welcome the Imperial Potentate and suite to the shores of the old Mississippi, April 15th, and we don't doubt their resources to entertain the travelers from far Honolulu.

EL KAHIR MET AGAIN.

El Kahir held another of her monthly sessions, March 22—largely social and business. The projected Kansas City special took some time, and Assistant Rabban Emerson and Fred Longhurst conducted the traditional lunch. No work this time. Several places in sight.

EL KAHIR SPECIAL.

Who's going to Kansas City? This is the first (and only) chance to attend this great Imperial Council Meeting for less than $10, for the round trip. The fare is guaranteed to be ONE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP, which from Cedar Rapids means $8.70. El Kahir will meet Saturday, June 8; will leave about 10 a. m. on the 9th and arrive in Kansas City before night the same day. Insist on buying tickets reading via. Cedar Rapids. For further particulars write JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder,
216 S. 6th St. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y., is after the Imperial Council for 1902 and is raising the money and so raising the wind that will both blow and get the pull for the meeting. They want it at Saratoga Springs. That's all right, we'll have a new dress suit by that time, so on with the Saratoga chips.

WE'RE A BOLO MAN NOW.

One of the most interesting souvenirs that has ever come to the collection of the editor of this papar and recorder of El Kahir Temple, arrived the other day (March 20) from Manilla, P. I. It is a real "bolo" and so fierce a weapon it is that all the inmates of our harem fled in terror from its hacked and ghastly edge. It is to be introduced into the ceremonies of the Shrine—more especially in the collection of dues from the delinquent "Philies." We owe thanks to Noble Major W. R. Graham, Paymaster U. S. V., who is a member of El Kahir and well known in Iowa. We may have to use it on some of our subscribers—but only as a last resort.

It was a privilege of a life time to visit the "oriental room" of Dr. Lindley, at Davenport, Iowa, recently and behold such a collection as would make a Turkish Pasha, or Doc Ellison of Mecca, turn green with envy and greedy with covetousness. There is no such private collection anywhere in the west as Dr. Lindley has, and he's neither fadist nor crank.

If the portrait of "Tim Ashworth, of Iowa," looked like it was given in the San Francisco Examiner, March 6th, how will it look April 16, when he gets home?

The Eastern Star.

Here's another empty budget though we have especial regard for this useful Order and we appreciate our honors therein. We watch *The Eastern Star* for evidence of activity, but Sister Ransford is just as far from getting much Iowa news as we. Oh, well! watch our columns later on.

HERE'S NEWS.

Another star has been added to the constellation of Grand Chapters. On November 15th, in the city of Peoenix, was organized the Grand Chapter of Arizona, and a circular announcing its organization is sent out by the General Grand Chapter. Mrs. Annie E. Tilton is Grand Matron, George E. Koehler, Grand Patron, and Mrs. Lizzie D. Armstrong, Grand Secretary. —*Eastern Star.*

The above is the sole item we were able to find that would apply locally, and if Sister Ransford can't make Iowa answer—who are we.

NO MILEAGE.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, General Grand Secretary, reminds the various Grand Chapters of the resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter, as follows:

"It is the sense of this body that mile-

age should not be paid in the future." She says that "While it is within the province of each session of the General Grand Chapter to legislate upon the subject of mileage, I call your attention to the foregoing resolution that you may know the views of the last session thereof on this subject and have an opportunity to make provision for representation at the next session of the General Grand Chapter as you may think proper. It is very desirable that every Grand Chapter be represented at every triennial session of the General Grand Chapter, and provision will be made for a reduction in railroad fares as heretofore, and due notice be sent your representatives individually."

Fraternities.

The newest to come to this town is The Fraternal Bankers Reserve with exceptionally better than average table of rates and —the world before it.

With the "Buffaloes," and "The National Society of American Pioneers" to keep up the procession the month is fairly well filled with new babies.

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR SELECT FRIENDS.

FRATERNAL SOCIETY OPERATING IN KANSAS, MISSOURI AND COLORADO IS EMBARRASSED BY HIGH DEATH RATE —LICENSE IS REFUSED.

FORT SCOTT, Kans., March 12.—Announcement was made to-day from the supreme offices of the Order of Select Friends in this city that the lodge had been forced to suspend by the action of the Kansas insurance commissioner in revoking its license because it was considered by him to be insolvent.

The lodge has a total membership of 3,600 in Kansas, Missouri and Colorado, and was carrying $6,000,000 insurance. Following the revocation of the license a friendly suit was brought by Dr. J. A. Wells, of Erie, the head national officer of the lodge, to recover $300. It now develops that its object was to secure the appointment of a receiver, which was done quietly at Yates Center, yesterday, by Judge Stillwell in chambers.

The receiver is C. C. Dutton, of Erie. He has arrived to take charge of the affairs of the lodge. Supreme Secretary W. I. Linn, of this city, says the extremely high death rate of the winter of 1900 strained the lodge's resources. The supreme officers would make no official statement of the lodge's financial condition.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 12—The annual report of the Order of Select Friends shows that the order is deficient $15,000 in the payment of its obligations, and W. V. Church, state superintendent of insurance, has refused to renew its license to do business in Kansas. This amounts to the suspension of the order's authority to operate in the state. Mr. Church said to-day:

Its license was due March 1st, but when I discovered from its report that it was in default of its obligations I investigated the matter and, finding the insolvency to be hopeless, I declined to issue a new license.

LIABILITIES MAY BE $50,000.

OLDER POLICY HOLDERS OF SELECT FRIENDS THE CHIEF LOSERS.

FORT SCOTT, Kans., March 14—Supreme officers of the Order of Select Friends, the fraternal insurance society that has been declared insolvent, place the liabilities at $16,000, but many connected with the order assert that it has unpaid claims of $50,000, and perhaps more. The loss will fall principally upon the older policy holders. The younger members will have no trouble in securing admission to other orders and will lose practically nothing, but the former, besides losing all they have paid in, will be barred by age from joining any other order.

Book Table and Invitations.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following favors:

From Gil Barnard, History Grand Chapter R. A. M. Illinois, 1900.

From Mrs. E. C. Blackmar, the memorial pamphlet of P. G. M. Edwin Carlton Blackmar, who died October 7, 1900.

From Mecca Temple (Doc Ellison) address of Past Imperial Potentate Walter M. Fleming, D. D., 33°, December 31, 1901; also addresses and reports of Mecca for 1900.

From J. W. Butler Paper Co., Chicago, "The Story of Paper Making." Illustrated and intensely interesting.

From the Board of Directors of the Pan-American Exposition, a finely written article by William I. Buchanan, Director General.

From the Committee on Library, Proceedings Grand Lodge of Pensylvania, 1900.

From W. Br. Chas. Cary, Grand Secretary, Proceedings Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Pensylvania, 1900.

KATIE'S ANSWER.

Och! me Katie's a rogue it is thrue
But her eyes like the skies are so blue,
An' her dimples so swate,
An' her ankles so nate—
Shure she dazed and she bothered me, too.

Till one mornin' we wint for a ride,
Whin, demure as a bride, by me side,
Like a darlint she sat
With the wickedest hat
'Neath a purty girl's chin ever tied.

An' me heart, arrah, thin, how it bate!
For me Kate looked so temptin' an' swate,
With cheeks like the roses
An' all the red posies
Ye'd see in her garden so nate.

But I sat jist as mute as the dead,
Till she said, wid a toss of her head,
"If I'd known that to-day
Ye'd have nothing to say,
I'd have gone wid me coosin instead."

Then I filt meself grow very bowld
For I knew she'd not scold if I towld
Uv the love at me heart
That ud niver depart
Though I lived to be wrinkled and owld.

An' I said: "If I dared to do so,
I'd let go of the baste and I'd throw
Both me arms round your waist,
An' be stalin a taste
Uv thim lips that are coaxin' me so."

Then she blushed a more illigant red,
As she said widout raisin' her head,
An' her eyes lookin' down
'Neath their lashes so brown:
"'Ud ye like me to dhrive Mr. Ted?"

—*Miss C. H. Thayer in Judge.*

No eclipse was ever total in an instant. There is the first contact, when but the edge of the earth's shadow obscures a small part of the glorious sun; then the gradual obscuration, until the orb of day presents only a corona and the earth is almost in darkness. So it is that the insiduous approach of evil slowly overspreads the life, until its purity and its brightness are all lost in the shadow of evil itself. Only the corona of life's glory is visible.—*Masonic Standard.*

HOW TRUE.

The man who deserts old friends when the tide seems to be setting against them, forgets that tides in the mercantile affairs of men are almost as certain to turn as the tides on the sea. Many a one has sacrificed his best friend for the sake of what he regarded as policy, only to find in later years that he has given up something which he never can replace. A true, loyal, helpful friend is a treasure, whose value cannot be expressed in words or measured in gold. He who abandons such a friend in what he regards as his time of need, possesses all the characteristics of a hypocrite, traitor and coward.—*Brother Gilson, in the Ritzville News.*

Out in Indian Territory, six brethren appeared in open lodge and announced that the bible taught that it was wrong to belong to the Masonic body; that it would endanger their prospects of heaven, and demanded their dimits, their dues being paid. The W. M. ordered their removal from the lodge, directed the J. W. to prefer charges, and refused the dimits. After trial they were expelled. Masons are expelled for expressing a disbelief in the bible and God, but the brethren referred to believed in God, the bible and immortality. This is the first instance on record where brethren were expelled for a change in religious belief.—*The Square and Compass.*

The mischief-maker in a Lodge is the evil one who, "when the good man sleeps," sows tares among the wheat. He poisons the hearts of the brethren against the one he seeks to injure, and by tale bearing, lying and slander sows the seed of unholy suspicion. Such a Mason should be thrust out as unworthy to associate with good men.—*Masonic Standard.*

That Lodge is fortunate which can retain the interest and zeal of the Master in the new Past Master. And that Lodge is blessed which has its quiver full of faithful Past Masters, new and old, who do not graduate from Masonry as soon as they surrender the gavel to their successors.—*Masonic Standard.*

EXEMPLIFY STAR PRINCIPLES.

A sister has said: "Visit the widows of Masons, and go not empty handed; gloom and sadness will be lifted by your presence." I would add: If you know of any sick or suffering that you can relieve either by your gifts or by your presence, for a kind word often does more good than medicine, do not stop to ask if they are Masons' wives, sisters or daughters, but do good to all as you have opportunity. Then it will not be said of us, they are banded together only to help one another, but rather, we are a band of helpers, willing, like the Good Samaritan, to relieve the distress of whatever nation or denomination. We must grow into the love and respect of our kind, though it may be a slow growth, and here I cannot do better than quote Rev. H. B. Carpenter's words: "Look at God, the great, slow, patient God, who throws out into the dark void the seeds of being, and then sits and waits for ages till stars bud into fire, and the acres of a universe bloom into spring. Life is not long enough to do much; let us be content to do a little, but that little should be the beginning of a long growth." The rose blossoms for all to enjoy, but the mainspring of its beauty is hidden from the passer-by. So deep in our hearts lies the wish that guides our foot-steps to finish in public our life's best impulses. So may our order flourish and its principles spread over the world like fibre fine and strong, uniting and strengthening each other, and if we "do the gleaning" gather all in that nothing be lost.—*Mrs. Susan S. Bass, in Masonic Voice and Review.*

MASONIC TOLERATIONS.

Requiring another to adopt our method of worship is not toleration. Masons believe in God and in the duty to worship God, but each is bound to tolerate in his brother the *method* which that brother holds to be the true one. We hold that that man is not much of a Mason who cannot be present at the worship of God in a method other than his own. The *worship* is the main thing and the *method* a mere incident. As "divine worship" is conducted, each one present worships in his own manner: A Christian may worship according to his own views as freely in a synagogue as in a church. If the position of our brother is correct, we must exclude all prayers from the lodge upon the same principle. Some forty or fifty years ago the claim was actually made and vehemently pressed that no prayers should be allowed in a lodge or at any Masonic services in which anyone who believes in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man could not join just as if he were making the prayer himself; and that Masonic toleration demanded this. But the reply was that that would exclude everybody, and Masonic toleration requires that every brother should be tolerated in praying according to his conscientious belief. The Masonic usage of attending divine worship on St. John's Day has become too well established to be "modernized." It is one of the glories of Masonry that brethren *of different creeds* may join in worshiping the Father of us all, each in his own way, and without offence at the way of any other.—*Josiah H. Drummond.*

HENRY PRICE.

Henry Price, the "founder of duly constituted Masonry in America," was born in London about the year 1697, and came to Boston in 1723, according to his epitaph, and 1733, according to Brother Nickerson. He was a "taylor" until 1750, when he retired from business. He is sometimes referred to as "Major" Price. This title came from his being in 1733 cornet in the governor's troop of guards. He died in May, 1780, from the effects of a wound in the abdomen received while splitting rails. He was then eighty-three years of age. He had been a most conspicuous figure in the fraternity in the new world for many years, a large portion of that time holding office in lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge and being a constant attendant at meetings.—*Masonic Journal.*

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